



More Than a Roof Mennonite Housing Society

Housing Application Information

Thank-you for your interest in housing with our Society. Please let me take this opportunity to introduce our Society to you, and to let you know how the application process works.

More Than a Roof Housing is a Christian ministry begun by the Mennonite Churches in BC. As our name indicates, we offer more than just housing - we offer community. Through supportive staff, we encourage tenants to encourage each other - to work together to a healthier life. We seek a balance between individual rights and the rights of the community.

On the application itself, on the back page in the bottom left-hand corner, we ask for your preference in terms of location. You can use this application to select all or one of the locations.

The Society currently manages the following housing communities:

East Vancouver - Charleswood Court - **Singles/Couples/Families**

- 1515 Charles Street (near Commercial Drive and 1st Ave.)
- 26 apartment units - 9 one-bdrm, 10 two-bdrm, 5 three-bdrm, 2 four-bdrm
- mix of subsidized* and market rentals
- interior courtyard, underground parking, common laundry facilities
- close to buses, Britannia schools & community center, shopping

South Richmond - Dockside Village - **Families Only**

- 12500 Trites Road (East of Steveston townsite)
- 40 family townhouse units - 19 two-bedroom, 18 three-bedroom, 3 four-bedroom
- 2 two-bedroom units are wheelchair accessible (no wheel-in shower)
- all units are subsidized*
- covered parking, common laundry plus hook-ups in each unit, playground
- close to schools & community center, river bike & walking trails

East Burnaby - Lakepark Village - **Families Only**

- 8580 Cumberland Place (near 10th Ave & McBride Blvd.)
- 43 family townhouse units - 20 two-bedroom, 18 three-bedroom, 5 four-bedroom
- all units are subsidized*
- covered carports, common laundry plus hook-ups in each unit, playground
- close to schools, walking trails

Downtown Vancouver - Candela Place - **Singles Only**

- 1267 Granville (between Drake & Davie)
- 63 fully self-contained bachelor units (330 square feet) for low-income singles
- 6 units are wheel-chair accessible (4 with wheel-in shower, 2 tub with grab bars)
- all units are subsidized*
- concrete construction, common laundry, heat, hot water & electricity included in rent

Maple Ridge – Dewdney Villas – **Families Only**

- 21755 Dewdney Trunk Road (Near 216th & Dewdney Trunk. Rd)
- 35 family townhouse units- 15 two-bedroom, 14 three-bedroom (1 wheel chair accessible), 6- four bedroom
- all units are subsidized*
- covered carports, basements, common laundry plus hook-ups in each unit, playground
- 2 washrooms in 3 & 4 bedroom units
- close to schools, city center, located on main transit line

Saanich- Church Hill Estates – **Families Only**

- 4365 Wilkinson Road, Victoria, BC V8Z 5B8
- 28 family townhouse units – 8 two-bed (1 handicapped), 17 three-bed, 3 four-bed.
- all units are subsidized*
- close to schools, parks and transit

Please mail your application to the address on the back page of the application. When your completed application arrives at our office, it is dated and entered into our computer database. **You will NOT be notified that we have received your application.** We have, on average, 400 applications on file and cannot contact everyone personally.

All information supplied is subject to the Society Privacy Policy. From the information you provide on your application, we determine, using BC Housing criteria, your need for subsidized housing. **Vacant units are filled on the basis of need, not how long you've been on the waiting list.** Need is determined on a number of criteria, including:

- is your tenancy being terminated by your Landlord?
- adequacy of your current housing - # of bedrooms, sharing with family/friends, etc.
- your total household income in relation to your current housing costs (rent + utilities)
- the amount of assets (Bank Account, RRSP, Equity in a house) available to you

If we have a vacant unit and you are the neediest on the list, we will contact you to come in for an interview. Once accepted for a unit, all tenants receiving subsidy will complete an Application for Rent Subsidy form and pay 30% of their gross household monthly income as rent. Also, a Tenancy Agreement with a **Crime-Free** Addendum will be signed by each adult tenant.

It does not help your application to contact us, but you can contact our office to update your application if you have moved or changed your phone number, etc. If your information changes significantly, you may be asked to complete a new application. This process will not affect your position on the waiting list as, again, vacant units are filled on the basis of your need in relation to the need of others on the list. Also, we cannot tell you how long the wait will be or where you are on the list as it changes daily as applications are received.

It is in your best interest to apply as well with BC Housing directly (604-433-2218) and request a listing of housing societies. Take the BC Housing list and contact as many societies as you can to get on their waiting lists. Vacancies are not common in subsidized housing, and so it is to your advantage to be on as many waiting lists as possible.

* Subsidy is provided by both the Federal (CMHC) and Provincial (BC Housing) Governments

MORE THAN A ROOF MENNONITE HOUSING SOCIETY

Application for Housing

Our non-profit rental housing projects receive subsidy assistance through Canada Mortgage & Housing (CMHC) and BC Housing Management Commission (BCHMC). Applications will be assessed on criteria set by BCHMC.

If your application is incomplete or unreadable, it will not be accepted. Please PRINT CLEARLY!

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Last Name	Given Name(s)	Home - Telephone - Work

Complete Mailing Address (including Postal Code)

List yourself as the applicant on the first line, then all other persons that will be living with you:

Last Name	First Name	Relationship to	Sex	Age	Birthdate
		Applicant			

Do you expect the number of people in your family to change in the next 12 months? No _____ Yes _____

If Yes, please explain: _____

We may have designated housing available. To better assist us in meeting your needs, does any member of your household have a disability requiring special accommodation? No _____ Yes _____

If Yes, please explain: _____

List GROSS (before deductions) MONTHLY income for ALL household members from all sources:

Name	Source (EI, BC Ben, Employment, etc)	GROSS MONTHLY INCOME
		\$
		\$
		\$
Total GROSS MONTHLY Household Income		\$

List the current value of all your ASSETS (Equity in a house, bank, RSP, Mutual Funds, etc) \$ _____

List your RESIDENCE HISTORY for the past two years:

Address	From (date)	To (date)	Landlord	Landlord Phone

Are you now, or have you ever lived in subsidized housing? Yes ____ No ____

If Yes, give the name and address of the property: _____

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Please describe your present housing by completing the following summary:

___ APARTMENT ___ BASEMENT SUITE ___ HOUSEKEEPING ROOM
___ HOUSE ___ ROOM & BOARD ___ SHELTER/TRANSITION HOUSE
___ DUPLEX/TOWNHOUSE ___ HOTEL/MOTEL ___ LIVING WITH FAMILY/FRIENDS

How many bedrooms does your present accommodation have? _____ Total number of persons living there: _____

Do you: Rent ___ Own ___ Share Expenses ___ Have Free Accommodation ___ Live in a Co-op ___?

Current Monthly Rent: \$ _____ Average Monthly Hydro/Water Costs: \$ _____

Does your present accommodation have:

Does your rent include:

BATHROOM Private ___ Shared ___

HEAT Yes/No

KITCHEN Private ___ Shared ___

ELECTRICITY Yes/No

Does your present accommodation have outdoor play facilities for children? Yes ___ No ___

Describe the facilities, neighborhood, etc. _____

Are you under Notice to Terminate your present Tenancy? No ___ Yes ___ If Yes, Termination Date is: _____
(If yes, a copy of the Termination Notice to Tenant from the Landlord must be attached to your application.)

If you are not under notice, why do you wish to move? _____

NOTE - The Society allows up to a combination of 2: hamster, gerbil, fish or bird. NO cats or dogs allowed.

Are you willing to participate in a criminal records search related to tenancy issues? Yes ___ No ___

Describe your hobbies, interests, volunteer activities, etc. _____

Provide two references of persons (not relatives) whom we may contact. If employed, one should be your employer.

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APPLICANT SIGNATURE - Please read and sign this statement.

I/We understand that this Application does not constitute an agreement on the part of the More Than a Roof Mennonite Housing Society to provide me/us with rental accommodation. I/We hereby certify that the information given in this application is complete and correct in every respect to the best of my/our knowledge. I/We authorize the Society, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, to obtain or exchange with credit bureaus and/or previous landlords credit and other information to be used in the decision making process to provide me/us with rental accommodation. I/We understand that it is my/our responsibility to advise the Society of any changes to the information given here.

Applicant _____ Date _____

Co-Applicant _____ Date _____

Please check where you would like to live:
___ East Vancouver (Singles/Couples/Families)
___ South Richmond (Families Only)
___ East Burnaby (Families Only)
___ Downtown Vancouver (Singles Only)
___ Maple Ridge (Families Only)
___ Saanich (Families Only)

Please return signed and completed application to:
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